



## **Vision 2020 Sustainable Arlington Minutes**

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015  
Town Hall Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Present: Sarah Conn, Anne Goodwin, Susan Lees, Karen Einstein, Jill Manca, DeAnne Dupont, Gail McCormick (co-chair), Charlotte Milan (reporting)

Minutes: Ryan or Brucie took minutes for January, we'll ask them to distribute them

EcoFest plans reviewed, Gail will circulate the flyer to Mothers Out Front. MOF will host a children's activity table.

Sustainable Arlington voted to sponsor the MCAN/Toxics Action conference scheduled for Sunday March 15 for \$70. Gail will fill out sponsor form online. Tickets are available for sale now.

Follow-up event after EcoFest- Clean Energy Center is available to discuss solar, Gail suggests hosting a panel.

Mothers Out Front described their partnership with Mass Energy to support local wind projects in MA, which is called "Power Up". 600+ households in MA and 65 households in Arlington have signed up. At a meeting with Adam Chapdelaine, MOF found out more about Arlington "aggregating" their power, deciding to purchase renewable energy for residents from a particular provider, which would become the baseline/default provider. Any household could opt out. This type of program is in the Town Manager's sites. The Town's contracts for energy are with TransCanada, the same company that proposed the building of Keystone.

Mothers Out Front proposes partnering with SA to help promote the Power Up campaign, and SA voted to make that happen on the SA website.

MOF and SA will collaborate on an evening program for the community to clarify/ educate the public on their energy choices and options for energy sourcing/contract/opting or out. April-May will be the target timeframe.

Energy Efficiency, solar energy, and community solar are additional topics that would be valuable.

Sustainable Middlesex and MCAN are possible cosponsors. Could be incorporated into MCAN quarterly meeting.

Cape Wind: SA will sign on to a letter to the editor to pressure the public utilities to reinstate their contract with Cape Wind. There will be a rally in Boston on February 28, 1:00 PM on the Boston Common.

Ethics training: SA members are reminded to take the state ethics training, Gail is going to send the link one more time to the yahoo list.

April SA meeting will not take place as usual, but instead members are invited on April 16, in the Lyon's Hearing. More info will be on SA's Facebook page. Gail will cancel the room reservation.

Food Link requests funds from SA. Members present voted to provide the funds, in the amount \$2000, upon final approval via email with the Steering Committee. Gail will write the official request to the MCAN executive Director.